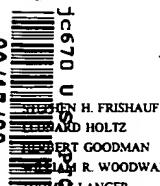


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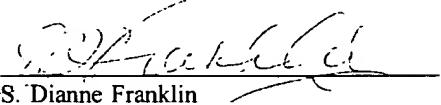
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1a.  Enclosed is written description, claims, abstract and drawings of the continuation or divisional application with a copy of the Oath or Declaration in the prior application.

1b.  Enclosed is a copy of the prior application including a copy of the Oath or Declaration.

1c.  A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

1d.  Paper entitled Deletion of Inventor(s) Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2).

2.  FEE: The filing fee is calculated below:

Claims as filed, less any claims cancelled by amendment herewith:

	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
Total Claims	29	-20 = 9	x \$18.00 =	\$ 162.00
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MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			+ \$260.00 =	\$ _____
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3.  To the extent not tendered by check, authorization is given to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 during pendency of the application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1378. Duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

4.  A check in the amount of \$ 1,398.00 is enclosed.

5.  Cancel claims \_\_\_\_\_

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6. [X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: This is a [ ] continuation, [X] division of application Serial Number 09/033,789 filed March 3, 1998.

7.  New formal drawings are enclosed. 13 Sheets, Figs. 1-15

8.  The prior application is assigned to TDK Corporation, Tokyo, Japan

9.  Copies of Verified Statement(s) claiming Small Entity Status filed in said application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Small entity status is still proper and desired.

10.  **Incorporation by Reference:** The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 1a or 1b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

11. [X] The Power of Attorney in the prior application includes the following:

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12a. [X] The power appears in the original papers of the prior application.

12b. [ ] Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

13. [X] Address all future communications to:

14. [X] Priority claim (35 USC 119) is made based upon

Japanese Patent Application No. 48641/1997, filed March 4, 1997

Japanese Patent Application No. 321950/1997, filed November 10, 1997

Japanese Patent Application No. 49105/1998, filed March 2, 1998

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15.  Information Disclosure Statement  PTO-1449

16.  Supplemental Declaration

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